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In the Claims:

Col.11, line 48, delete "key the" and insert --key to the--(Amend. G, claim 1, lines 5-6).

Col. 12, line 5, delete "random key data" and insert --random key-- (Amend. G, claim 1, line 27).

Col. 12, lines 41-42, delete "said writing encrypted random key to d the storage" and insert --said writing said encrypted random key to the storage-- (Amend. G, claim 7, line 2).



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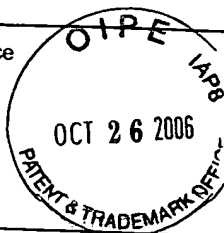
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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-14 and 16-20, and add new claims 21-28 as follows:

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A storage medium data protecting
2 method of protecting data on a storage medium having a plurality of unit storage
3 areas, comprising:
4 a step of generating a random key ~~data~~, encrypting ~~the~~ said random
5 key ~~data~~ with a password, and writing ~~the~~ said encrypted random key ~~data~~ to ~~said~~
6 the storage medium;
7 a step of encrypting the data with the generated random key ~~data~~,
8 and writing the encrypted data to ~~said~~ the storage medium;
9 a step of reading ~~the~~ said encrypted key ~~data~~ from ~~said~~ the storage
10 medium;
11 a step of decoding ~~the~~ said encrypted key ~~data~~ with ~~the~~ said
12 password; and
13 a step of reading and decoding the data on ~~said~~ the storage medium
14 with the decoded key ~~data~~,
15 wherein said random key ~~data~~ generating step comprises:
16 a step of generating a different random key ~~data~~ for each of ~~a~~
17 ~~plurality of unit storage~~ area of the plurality of unit storage ~~areas of said storage~~
18 ~~medium~~, so that said each unit storage area is assigned a different random key, and
19 said assignment of said different random key to said each unit storage area being

20 based on a particular unit storage area to which the data, once encrypted, is to be
21 stored;

22 a step of encrypting each ~~said~~ of the different random key data for
23 ~~each unit storage area~~ keys with said password, and

24 a step of writing each ~~said~~ of the encrypted key data to ~~said~~ different
25 random keys to the storage medium when initializing the storage medium,

26 wherein said data encrypting step comprises a step of encrypting the
27 data with ~~the~~ said different random key data corresponding to its said particular
28 unit storage area to write the data, and

29 wherein said data decoding step comprises a step of decoding the
30 data with ~~the~~ said decoded key data corresponding to said particular unit storage
31 area where the data have been read.

1 2. (Currently Amended) A storage medium data protecting
2 method according to claim 1, wherein said random key data-generating step
3 comprises a step of generating ~~the~~ said random key data-per logic sector on said
4 the storage medium.

1 3. (Currently Amended) A storage medium data protecting
2 method according to claim 1, wherein said random key data-generating step
3 comprises a step of generating ~~is-different key data~~ random keys for each writing
4 to said plurality of unit storage areas.

1 7. (Currently Amended) A storage medium data protecting
2 method according to claim 1, wherein said ~~step of writing the said encrypted~~
3 ~~random key data to said the storage medium~~ comprises a step of encrypting the
4 said random key data with a first password, writing the encrypted random key data
5 to ~~said the storage medium~~, encrypting said first password with a second
6 password, and writing ~~said first the encrypted first password to the storage~~
7 ~~medium~~, and said step of decoding the encrypted key data ~~comprises a step of~~
8 decoding said ~~first encrypted first password~~ with said second password, and
9 obtaining said first password, and a step of decoding the said encrypted key data
10 with obtained said first password.

1 8. (Currently Amended) A storage medium data protecting
2 apparatus for protecting data ~~on a storage medium~~, comprising:
3 a storage medium having a plurality of unit storage areas; and
4 a control circuit for reading and writing the data from and to said
5 storage medium,
6 wherein said control circuit has:
7 a write mode of encrypting, after generating a random key data, the
8 said random key data with a password, writing the encrypted key data to said
9 storage medium, encrypting the data with the random key data, and writing the
10 encrypted data to said storage medium;

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